

(12) Children, Youth, and Families, Office for (Article 49D, § 1 of the Code: July 1, [2003] 2004);

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial members of the Maryland School-Based Health Policy Advisory Council shall expire as follows:

- (1) 8 members in 2003;
- (2) 8 members in 2004; and
- (3) 9 members in 2005.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) By July 1, 2003, the Subcabinet, in collaboration with the Committee appointed under subsection (e) of this section, shall develop a plan for:

- (1) improving access to services for children with intensive needs;
- (2) developing community-based resources for children with intensive needs and children at risk of residential placement; and
- (3) reducing the number of children in placements outside of their home communities.

(b) Implementation of the Subcabinet plan shall be subject to the availability of additional funding through implementation of financing strategies identified in the plan or other funding sources.

(c) The plan developed by the Subcabinet under subsection (b) of this section shall include:

(1) timelines for development and implementation of the elements of the plan;

(2) minimum standards for parent information and referral services in each jurisdiction that:

- (i) provide assistance to parents to:
 1. determine a child's need for services, including interagency screening and assessment as appropriate;
 2. refer children to available public and private resources to meet those needs; and
 3. refer children to the local coordinating council, consistent with item (3)(iii) and (iv) of this subsection; and

(ii) may be provided by local jurisdictions utilizing and supplementing existing capacity, consistent with the Subcabinet's standards;

(3) the identification of core functions to be performed by the local coordinating council, including: